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FROM AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, VT  
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH VATICAN ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

REF: STATE 029999

1. AMBASSADOR LODGE'S ASSISTANT CALLED ON VATICAN DEPUTY FORMIN SILVESTRINI MARCH 2 TO DISCUSS RECENT EXPERIENCES WITH CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AS PER REFTEL. VATICAN OFFICIAL WAS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN OUR OBSERVATIONS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PERIODIC USG BRIEFINGS ON SUBJECT.

2. WITH RESPECT TO HOLY SEE'S EXPERIENCE ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, MSGR SILVESTRINI CONTRIBUTED FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. GENERALLY, HE SAID, VATICAN IN POST-HELSINKI PERIOD HAS NOTICED MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO TRAVEL OF RELIGIOUS PERSONS TO AND FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS, AND SOME RELAXATION IN ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTS OF RELIGIOUS MATERIALS. IN FORMER CONNECTION, HE CITED FACT THAT GROUPS OF PILGRIMS AND PRIESTS FROM ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE PERMITTED TO COME TO ROME FOR HOLY YEAR CELEBRATION AND THAT HUNGARY, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD PERMITTED PRIESTS FROM ROME TO VISIT FAMILIES IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND USSR (LITHUANIA) HAD PERMITTED ENTRY OF FAIRLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF RELIGIOUS MATERIALS.

3. MSGR SILVESTRINI ALSO ATTRIBUTED BREAKTHROUGHS IN HUNGARIAN (RECENT NOMINATION OF PRIMATE) AND BULGARIAN (NAMING OF THREE BISHOPS IN AUGUST 1975) RELATIONS TO HELSINKI SPIRIT. HE COMMENTED FURTHER THAT HELSINKI SPIRIT MAY BE FACTOR OPERATING ON MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON PART OF EAST GERMANS AND CZECHS. (THE CZECH AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED MEETING THIS WEEK WITH VATICAN FORMIN CASAROLI AND VATICAN SURMISES THAT

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HE WISHES TO CONVEY GOC DESIRE FOR RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL TALKS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES.)

4. VATICAN EXPERIENCE, USSR IS DRAGGING FEET ON CSCE BASKET III IMPLEMENTATION SINCE ITS ONLY GESTURE SO FAR HAS BEEN AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT RELIGIOUS MATERIALS INTO LITHUANIA.  
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